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Colorado Woodworkers Guild November 2026 Newsletter

President's Corner



Bill Bixby, President

Show and Tell

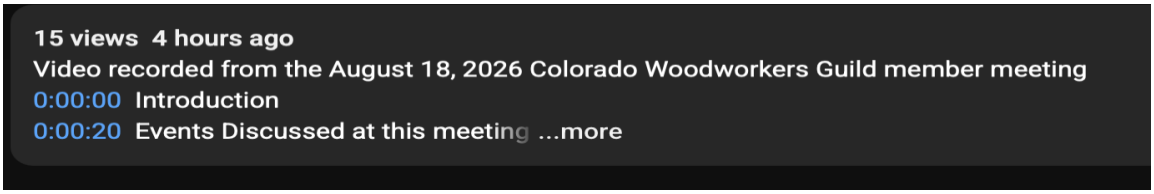
We had five S&T contestants at the 20 October meeting:

- Jason had a Shrink Pot (made by allowing a green wood, open-ended cylinder "shrink" around a dry bottom, thus capturing the bottom). Silver Maple cylinder, plywood bottom.
- Todd brought in a "Reversi Relief" CNC-carved cover, made for a neighbor out of ½" thick Acrylic (A very waterproof sort of wood).
- Mike presented a "Dragon" Box, made of Pine, with hand-made dovetails and carvings. Finished in poly (which is a chain molecule not unlike Acrylic).
- Pat showed off a Fluke made of thin pieces of Cherry and bent to a form. Finished in Walnut Oil.
- David entertained us with his End Grain Cutting Board, made of Maple, Walnut and Sapele finished with Mineral Oil and Beeswax (sometimes called Wood Butter).

As usual, you can view the meeting video by going to the front page of the website. Scroll close to the bottom of the page till you see this. Note the date on the video will be 2026 10 20



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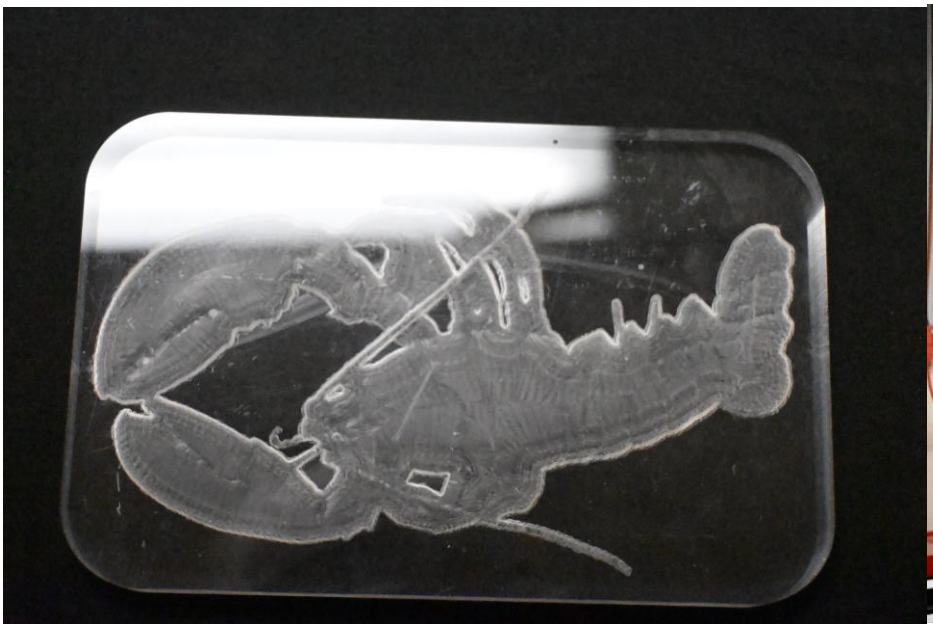
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Pictures of the S&T presentations are shown in the order of their presentation.

Jasons “Shrink” Pot




Todd’s Acrylic CNC Carving




Mike’s Dragon Box





Pat’s Fluke





David’s End Grain Cutting Board





And the winner was Mike and his “Dragon” Box,



Thanks to all who participate. Please consider sending me some pictures prior to the next meeting. Include a brief description of the project and a couple of pictures. If possible, get them to me a week before the meeting so I can prepare for the meeting itself. I can be reached at showandtell@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Thanks, and see you at the next meeting,

Cary Goltermann, Show and Tell Administrator

Meeting Presentations

October 2026 Meeting

On October 20th, 2026, we had a presentation by Luke Johanson of Slöyd Experience. He discussed how his nonprofit teaches self-reliance, concentration, perseverance, neatness, love for labor, and resilience to students via hands-on, hand-tool-only woodworking projects in a classroom setting. Students learn from their mistakes and that mistakes are part of the learning process. Here is his webpage: www.sloydexperience.org. Check out what he does at his website, and consider a donation to this worthy non-profit.

The entire presentation can be viewed online at the guild’s website by clicking here. **Again, for the presentation, you may have to “right click” and select “Open Hyperlink” to get to the video. The presentation starts at 52mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting until 1h.42mm.**

Joe Lenhoff, CWG Newsletter Editor & Publisher, Communications Committee Chair & CWG Board Member-at-Large

November 2026 Meeting

Meeting Preview: Mastering the Perfect Edge

Get your dull blades ready! This month, the Colorado Woodworkers Guild is thrilled to welcome two local sharpening experts who will share their deep industry knowledge and practical tips for keeping your shop tools performing at their absolute best.

- **Randy Childers** brings nearly four decades of hands-on expertise to our meeting. As the former owner and manager of Childers Sharpening Service for almost 40 years, Randy has seen and sharpened it all. He will be sharing invaluable wisdom, time-tested insights, and industry secrets learned from a lifetime of keeping professionals sharp.
- **Allen Wallace**, owner of Parker-based AW Sharpening (awsharp.com), specializes in precise, fast-turnaround edge care. Allen will focus on practical sharpening methods for woodworking tools—including circular saw blades, drill bits, and kitchen knives —to help you maintain clean, safe, and efficient cuts on all your upcoming projects.

Whether you are struggling with a stubborn chisel or want to learn how the pros achieve a flawless mirror edge, you won't want to miss this double-feature presentation. Bring your questions and your blunt tools!

Bill Bixby, CWG President

CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

About 25 members showed up for our monthly meeting. The business portion of the meeting included:

- Display of a map showing where all our members in the Pikes Peak chapter are located (apologies to our Pueblo and Walsenburg members – if we zoomed out enough to include all of Southern Colorado, the COS area would be one big blob)
- Remarks from Joe Lenhoff on the CWG Board meeting,
- **Update from Ben Myers on the Kreg Edge rollout.** Kreg had told Woodcraft explicitly that Kreg was **not** planning to make a corded version, and that Woodcraft would have access to the new Kreg Edge only if they made a significant push to buy the full Kreg line of battery-powered tools. Recently, Kreg reversed itself without notice and is now offering a corded version for a similar price. Ben was apologetic to his customers who purchased the battery-powered version after he told them that was the only option that would be available.
- New business cards were passed to everyone to have on hand to pass along to folks that might like to join us. We have plenty, so make sure to pick some up at the next meeting.
- Toy build on Nov 10th at 1 PM at Ken Oliver's place - last push on toys to get them done for delivery
- December meeting will be a social gathering with a gift exchange
    - **Refreshments will be served.**
    - **Each member is asked to bring something shop-made from materials on hand.**
- Discussion of future meeting/workshop topics – ideas include:
    - Loose tenon joinery shootout (Domino/Kreg/Horizontal router)
    - Dowel joinery shootout (Infinity/Grizzly/DowelMax)
    - Intro to Intarsia workshop
    - Hand-cut dovetails
    - Workbenches, bench fixtures and methods of use
    - Usage and Safety of major shop tools (jointer/planer, band saw, table saw, drum sander, router table)

This month's topic was "**Experience Counts**" -- as a change of pace, we had no presentation or show & tell, but instead invited everyone to ***bring the story of some of your "learning opportunities" to share with all of us*** (physical examples were welcome). As an incentive to participate, we announced beforehand that, rather than vote on the most memorable goof, each entrant would receive an entry into a drawing for a Woodcraft gift card.

10 members bared their woodworking souls. The questions and discussion provided valuable insights and solutions that everyone enjoyed. The goofs revealed included:

- An upright chair that was uncomfortable to sit in (oops-ergonomics wins again – fixed by adjusting leg lengths)
- A serious chop-saw accident (oops - the blade shattered the blade guard when cutting a 45-degree miter on a 3 ½ inch thick board on a 10-inch stationary chop saw)
- A dust collector that lost suction (oops – the can was overflowing, discussion of various ways to check how full the container is and the need to clean filters, especially after overflows)
- Challenges when using a thin kerf blade
- Running the mitre gauge into the SawStop blade after returning the gauge to 90 degrees
- A new table saw installation with the 3-phase motor that was wired incorrectly to drive the saw in reverse
- Finishing issues with stained parts bleeding into adjacent surfaces (pre-finishing the individual parts helps)
- Milling a thick slab (> 8/4) on a new router slab flattening system and getting only a 4/4 result (experience helped with future cuts)

Jim Barry, Pikes Peak Chapter Lead

Toolbox Alerts

Rockler

- Rockler sales continue in November. They are offering a discount through 11/16 on dust collection hardware at a 20% savings, a deal-of-the-day every day, and a free gift valued up to $129 on Kreg tool purchases. Check it out on their website at rockler.com.

Woodcraft

- For the whole month of November. Woodcraft has some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including Murando 3/8 x 2 ¾ x 13 ¾" boards, Woodriver mini ornaments and tree ornament kits, and a Woodriver 10" Diamond Stone. Classes continue to be offered in Woodworking Fundamentals, Turning, Cabinet Making, and other skills.

[Editor's Note: We are looking for inputs from members each month on great woodworking tool and accessory deals that you are aware of and that are available sometime in the next month or so. The input should include a short description of the item(s), where they can be purchased with web address or location and phone info, price, and any info on your experience with the item(s). Items can include excess tools and items you want to get rid of. Call me at (719) 964-9570 if you know of an item and then I will ask you to submit a descriptive paragraph to me at JoeLenhoff@gmail.com, or to newsletter@colowood.com to add to this column. Toolbox Alert descriptions will have to be to me about 9-10 days before each meeting to get them into the newsletter.]

Joe Lenhoff, CWG Newsletter Editor & Publisher & Communications Committee Chair

CWG Sponsor Update

Paxton Woods

November Wood of the Month

- 4/4 Wormy Soft Maple S2S 13/16” and SLR1E
- Was $5.22 / BF
- Now $3.75 / BF
- 23% Off

Paxton’s November Flash Special #1:

- 4/4 Character Cherry S2S 13/16” and SLR1E
- Was $12.00 / BF
- Now $ 8.00 / BF
- 33% Off

Paxton’s November Flash Special #2:

- 4/4 Natural Walnut S2S 13/16” and SLR1E
- Was $ 7.75 / BF
- Now $ 5.99 / BF
- 22% Off

Questions? Contact Dennis Stephens, denniss@paxtonwood.com

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Revolve Reclaimed is an architectural salvage business featuring:

- Live edge slabs
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- Old hand-hewn beams
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They offer CWG members 10% off their regular pricing on eligible lumber products. In addition, they provide professional milling serves at their standard shop rates including work on customer supplied lumber. They also provide custom design and fabrication services.

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Larry Christensen, Sponsor Liaison

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